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D9 tells minor to use porn as PC wallpaper

By LEMURIA

December 17, 2024

With only three days until D9's unban from the OWOT Discord server after sexualizing Lime, D9 has struck again, attempting to get a minor, Sleepyblue or SleepyElephant, on Sleepycat, to use a pornographic image as wallpaper.

Elly told d9 to fuck right off, and as they should, did not use the image as wallpaper.

Lemuria witnessed the situation go down as part of a Sleepycat visit, posting the usual stuff for some attention.

Elly asked Lemuria for some wallpaper of his own though, and Lemuria simply suggested the photo of a Norfolk Southern train (copyrighted) that he uses as his background, and Elly accepted the suggestion.

"keep in mind that my mom also uses the computer that im using right now", Elly informed Lemuria.

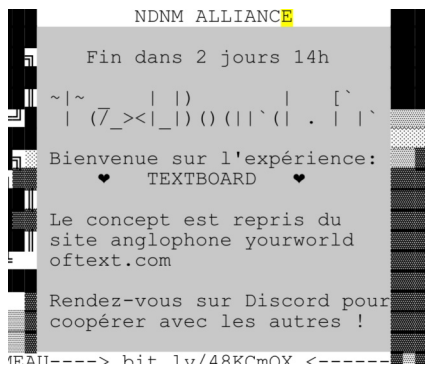
Though it shouldn't be a problem as again, a train is inherently not sexual at all.

D9's continued criticism of Lemuria is set to return to Discord soon, and only time will tell when D9 will once again violate the rules...

A look at French YWOT

By LEMURIA

December 15, 2024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Textboard.fr is a newly discovered website, a site bringing a YWOT-like experience to the Francophone world.

Mr. 1052 first made the discovery, linking to the website at 17:33 in the evening of December 14, 2024, dubbing it "french owot".

Two hours later, FP replied to it, saying "cool". The site has been in the midst of some insane spam, ranging from an article on a singer in French, to Discord links, and other incomprehensible French text (incomprehensible because the community is primarily English-speaking.)

FP left behind a message, simply saying "I'm the only english-speaking person here". As for the community, he had a remark: "watching TextBoard is like watching cavemen who have not figured out social customs/traditions yet".

To get onto Textboard, you must sign in with Google, but getting in is easy.

Wipers and spam scripts, just like OWOT, are already all over the place, and when Lemuria checked for himself, he saw a world full of chaos. Even more

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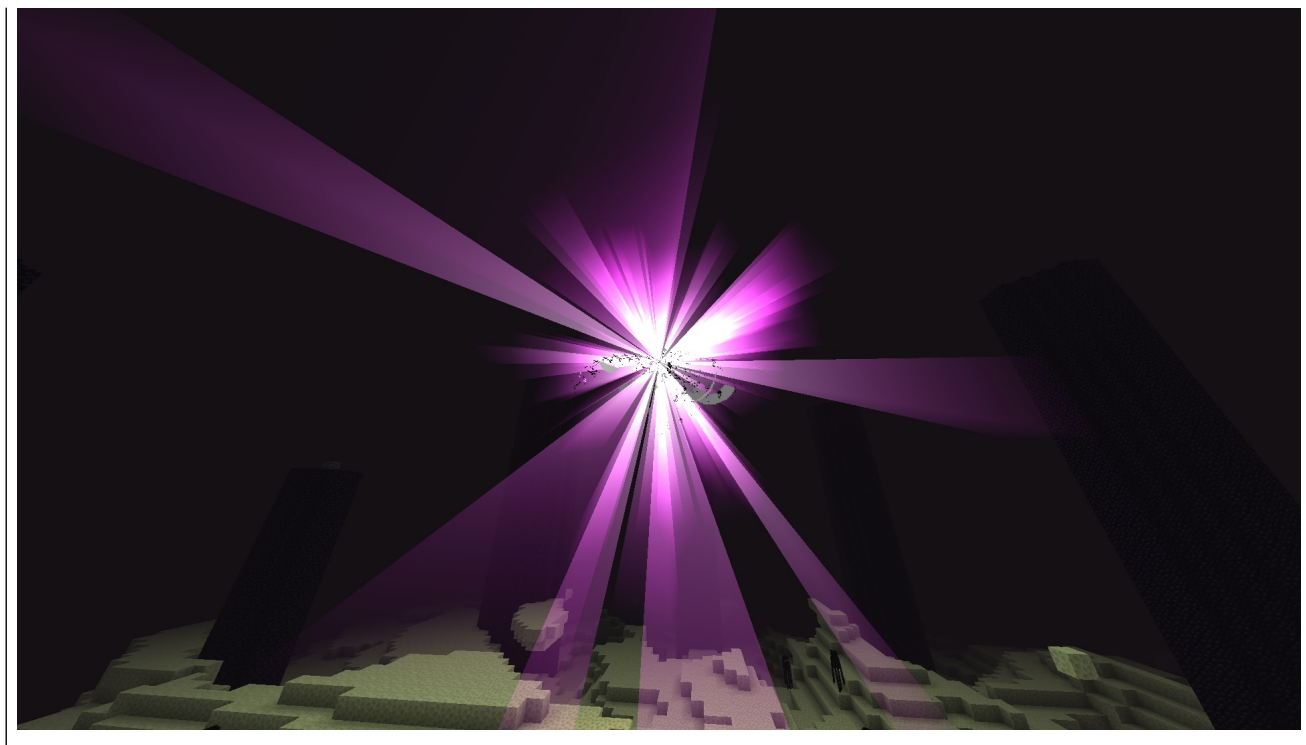
Nalani Elizabeth Proctor ([nəˈlɑni: pʰɪ pk.təɹ]), née le 26 juillet 1985, découverte le 17 juin 2023, connue en ligne sous le nom de UnfocusedinIA[a][b], est une musicienne américaine, professeur de musique, et streamer de variétés sur Twitch.
Proctor est née à Kahului, à Hawaï, dans un foyer et avec des parents très impliqués dans la musique, qui l'ont encouragée à se produire tout au long de son enfance. Elle s'est ensuite installée à Keokuk, dans l'Iowa, où elle a sorti son premier album en 2010 et a effectué de nombreuses tournées dans les années 2010. Mme Proctor a reçu une formation classique et sait lire l'alphabet phonétique international. En 2020, au début de la pandémie de COVID-19, elle a commencé à streamer sur Twitch après avoir été introduite sur le site par son partenaire Dustin Neill.



SHE BEAT THE GAME: *Akatas defeated the ender dragon within one day of the server's reopening, an achievement that got her a congratulations from Fern in the screenshots channel.*

Fern reopens Minecraft server after long hiatus

By LEMURIA

16 December 2024

STARTER BASE: *In the mountains, lies Optic's basic starter base, with a bed, crafting table, and chest. It's a nice base!*

It's back! New Meowers, now known as Meowtown, is back after over nine months of inactivity.

Fern pinged @everyone in the Meowtown Discord server, in the new #get-whitelisted channel, with five users already whitelisted - akaxyz, awesomepikachu20, gothgirlsdmpls, LimeSlime888, and MrAndreiXYZ, at 16:17 UTC, on 15 December.

Like before, the server is at mc.slaska.xyz, and requires Minecraft Java 1.21.3+.

Changes to the server

The server is no longer cracked; now you must have an actual Mojang/Microsoft account to play. The auth plugin that Fern used to keep the cracked server up and running caused a "countless number of maintenane issues".

The map is completely new, says Fern, with world generation being "very different", thanks to the Terralith datapack.

According to a listing on Modrinth.com, Terralith was created by Stardust Labs, and according to them, it "takes Minecraft's 1.18 massive world generation overhaul, and turns it up to eleven."

The first players

Akatas (or Felinepeppermint) was the first to join, playing on the map and quickly gathering plenty of achievements.

She was also able to beat the Ender Dragon, with a dying dragon (pictured), as seen in a screenshot sent by Fern at 11:45 UTC, 16 December. "great job aka", proclaimed Fern.

Fern sent a new invite link to Meowtown in the #off-topic channel, and Murple, one of Fern's close friends, joined the Discord, though they stated they were unsure if they wanted to play.

jan soweli Asike, or Optic, also had a photo of their base, stone floors, stone walls, overall, rudimentary, but typical for a game that early.

Issues at first

The server was overcome by some (very minor) issues, but Fern was able to iron things out.

The gateway at first acted up, failing to send through some messages.

To this end, Fern took down the server for some configuration changes on 17 December 2024, with service back up three minutes before Fern's self-im-

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Complying with Andrei's "No Nalani" Policy

Per Andrei's "No Nalani" Policy, which he has expressed non-verbally through his actions in the Meowtown Discord server, in clear and flagrant violation of Lemurian policy, we must advise users to refrain from posting anything that includes the sky, whether the real-life sky or the Minecraft sky, as "nā lani" means "the skies" in the Hawaiian language. Thank you for having an abundance of caution and may the music flow freely and unimpeded. We can overcome Andrei's censorship. Support local journalism, not the interests of those who want to maintain a monopoly.

Hi there, 423f8701, do you like OWOT?

Fern is introducing a new ID system based on hashed IPs, to keep users accountable for their actions.

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Cloaks are fire according to Fern

Cloaks are absolute fire, and they look beautiful.

Fern shares similar sentiment.

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Crazy Cat Lady makes survey data available

Most people picked cats when asked to pick between cats and dogs. You made the right decision.

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Junebug wins Lemuria's cat poll

Could Junebug become the official OWOT cat?

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H is the world's most powerful letter.

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Lemuria

OWOT to begin hashing IPs for user IDs

By LEMURIA

December 18, 2024

OWOT's anonymity feature is under fire again. One of the site's most well-known features, and a source of the site's toxicity, as a result of the online disinhibition effect, may be getting a change.

In a brief blurb of text titled "The Problem with Anonymity on Our World of Text.", written by lime.person as Lime Citrus, Lime explains the effect.

"Reputation is a valuable thing in Our World of Text.", says the opening sentence.

The post rapidly reached the five-fire threshold and stabilized at eight fire reactions, with Andrei, who supports much stronger and stricter moderation, calling it "potential preach of the century".

How it works now

The way anonymity works on OWOT today is a simple ID system. You get a randomly chosen number.

Most IDs are from 1 to 10,000 but can go higher in rare cases.

These IDs are ephemeral; one refresh or disconnect and your ID is gone, and temporarily prevented from being allocated just in case.

Of course, Uvias accounts can be created too. While the ability to make one was disabled a few weeks ago for reasons unknown, when Lemuria checked in the morning of December 19, 2024, they were reactivated, allowing new users to make one.

Hashed IP-based IDs

The proposal has been in existence for a while, but with Lime's blurb about anonymity came a fresh surge in talk about the feature.

Fern proposes an IP-ID system, where a user's IP address (the input) is combined with a secret value (the pepper) to generate a hash, whose first few characters then become the user's new ID.

Without the pepper, one could simply hash all four billion IPs themselves to determine the original IP, or precompute the hashes (rainbow table) into a database.

But this would still not work; users would only see the first three bytes of that hash. 24 bits does not map very well against the 32-bit IPv4 address; there would be 256 candidates.

And with 128-bit IPv6 addresses, best of luck to you.

Fern has already opened a pull request for the feature, with Lemuria approving it (not that his approval would carry much weight compared to FP anyway).

Implementation problems

There were some problems with the implementation that had to be gotten out of the way; how multiple clients would be handled.

If an IP were to be DMed, which connected client should get it?

At first, it seemed sensible to send the message to the recipient's client within the same world as where the sender sent the DM to the recipient.

However, Global exists, making this solution break down.

This problem was eventually solved to the satisfaction of both Lemuria and Fern when Lemuria proposed including a client ID.

An ID could be something like f4c0e5:1; where f4c0e5 would be the hashed IP, and 1 the client ID.

Over the wire, it would actually be f4c0e501, which remains a number, which keeps code that expects IDs to be numbers working.

But for display purposes, a colon can be inserted between the network and client IDs for easier reading.

For client IDs, one byte is good enough, as the server only permits 50 connections per IP at the same time, and one byte can represent 256 unique values.

An early look

Fern operates a testing OWOT server at http://5.161.231.179:8080/, where the new system is in-place, a proof of concept for those who want to see it in action.

Lemuria (6ee6b7) tested out the system and it did work as intended, though the client ID part of the system was not yet implemented.

And so far, users are satisfied with the way the system is working.

FP's will

FP has however been criticized as indecisive and unable to take action when it's needed; with Claude Meltroth once poking fun at FP for being angry at someone running a script near spawn for too long instead of people being racist, homophobic, or anti-LGBTQ+ at that very same spawn.

FP also received criticism from Andrei when it was revealed that FP had kicked Marouane, instead of banning him right away the first time.

Incompatibilities

The new anonymity feature was a minor problem for Lemuria's chat logger, which uses the int datatype for IDs.

Database changes have already been made to store IDs as strings.

While over the wire, f4c0e5:1 would be represented as f4c0e501, which is still a number (but hex instead), the change to the string datatype will stay to allow Lemuria to tell old-style and new-style IDs apart.

BonziWorld

BonziWorld is taking the opportunity to trash on OWOT yet again; claiming that the system will allow "IP leaks".

This is wrong, because hashes can only happen one-way, and with the system appending a pepper to the IP address, even if someone made a rainbow table they wouldn't get anywhere because they would need the secret pepper.

Read the later part of the section on hashed IP-based IDs if you, a Bonzi reading this, cannot get the information through your thick skull and tiny brain.

Good luck figuring out the high-entropy value.

The system will not be leaking any IP addresses, in fact Bonzis, the owner of bonziworld.org, whether Vitolle or Fune, can get your address from the HTTP server logs and combine it with other data to doxx you.

Of course, Lemuria has simply dismissed it as good ol' Bonzi paranoia.

When OWOT and BonziWorld find themselves in an "eternal internet sissy fight", anything can happen, really.

French YWOT

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chaotic than OWOT and YWOT.

With the high activity on the site, FP theorized that a French personality may have advertised the site, though YouTube searches for Textboard.fr have showed little results. "We've got a front row seat to an event similar to the Vsauce explosion of 2011", FP said.

In 2011, Vsauce featured Your World of Text on DONG! (Do Online Now, Guys), a series which consists of random niche Internet stuff, or at least what the mainstream sees as random niche Internet stuff, in this case, YWOT. An explosion of activity occurred as a result. amd according to the YWOT Wiki, is still how new users arrive.

Lemuria plans to conduct additional observations of Textboard.fr over the coming days to see if the high spam activity is simply a spike, or a daily part of the website.

Additional observations

On December 21, 2024, Aywen, a French YouTuber, made a video titled "J'ai codé un site que N'IMPORTE QUI peut modifier (même toi)", or "I've coded a site that ANYONE can modify (even you)", talking about how he made the website, and his community.

The video highlighted some other art projects on the site Lemuria was not aware of (probably due to the limited degree of observations conducted, and all the spam), but no evidence of Lemuria's actions on the site were in the video.

There was a Discord server, which Lemuria joined under an alt, though there was no mention of OWOT. While YWOT was mentioned in the first part of the video, it does add a layer of filtering and it's unlikely enough French users will make it to start causing problems typical of user surges and raids.

YWOT is already feeling the brunt of the French user wave, with a check in the morning of December 21 showing plenty of French text.

Fern: Cloaks are fire

By LEMURIA

December 21, 2024

Fern has expressed interest in the cloak yet again; a fine-looking piece of clothing.

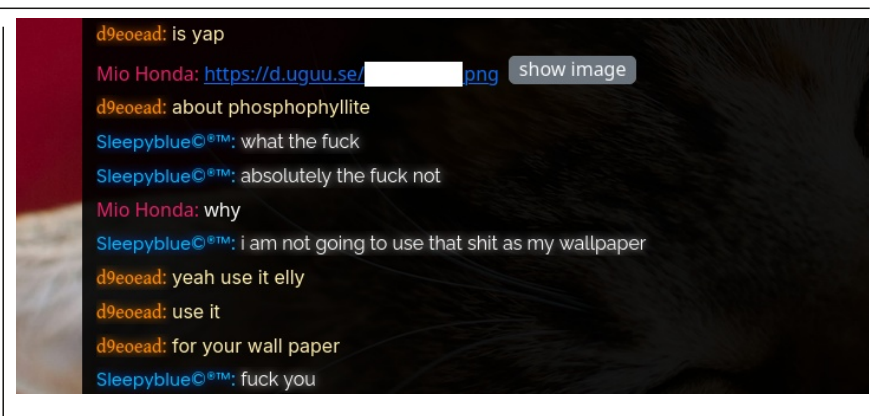
"personally i think it would be cool if people still wore cloaks lmao. cloaks were fire actually and nothing will convince me otherwise", said Fern, who also attached four photos of women wearing cloaks.

Because Lemuria is Lemurian, the imagery had to be investigated. All three returned results, one person was identified by real name, and one other identified only by Reddit name, but it beats having all four be unidentified.

One of them is British, and used to run a blog dedicated to dark fashion, but life changes, and the blog can't run forever.

It remains on the Wayback Machine for people to view, if one finds themselves that curious.

Another one of the images comes from a Danish cosplayer, who says that wearing the cloak, which they found from a second-hand market, has helped with their confidence. And the cloak originates from a famous Danish tailor, who's sewn for the queen before.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d9eoead: yeah use it elly
d9eoead: use it
d9eoead: for your wall paper
Sleepyblue©®™: fuck you

PORNOGRAPHIC BACKGROUND: *Some screenshots from d9eoead encouraging Sleepyblue to use porn as a wallpaper.*

WANT TO YAP ABOUT SOMETHING?

ASK ABOUT ADVERTISING IN OWON TODAY - LEMURIA'S DMS ARE OPEN FOR INQUIRY

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I found someone new today, but I can't tell you what her name is.

MEOW: *Fern has met yet another stray cat. In lieu of a name given to the cat by Fern, Lemuria has assigned them the provisional designation FERN-1217 (from the date in the image filename).*

Junebug wins Lemuria's cat poll

By LEMURIA

21 December 2024

Junebug, one of the stray cats Fern knows, prevailed in Lemuria's cat poll just in the morning of OWON Release Day. With nine votes from users including Andrei (engagement now so rare due to the conflict between the two), the poll allowed users to vote for as many cats as they wanted.

Lemuria's Calico #585 came in second with five votes, while Goomba, Luna, and Orangey (Nalani Proctor's cats) came in with 1, 2, and 1 vote respectively. Sophie, Gallia Kastner's cat, received two votes.

Junebug appears to be in the lead in the second cat election, with FERN-1217 staying at 0 votes even as Junebug regained five votes from the original election.

Junebug might just be OWOT's official cat, with how popular it is amongst the population. felinepeppermint commented on Lemuria's cat poll, saying that FERN-1217 was a "crazy" name, for a cat.

To that, Lemuria replied by explaining that it was only a temporary identifier due to Fern not having originally named her when she first posted the cat in the cat thread.

The poll will close in seven days, and OWON 00074 will be there to bring you the good news.

Cats remain OWOT's animal of choice, with the felines receiving a 70% vote in Crazy Cat Lady's OWOT survey.

CAT: *Lemuria saw a cat under a car outside his window and he just had to go out there. Meow.*

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CCL releases results from survey of OWOT

By LEMURIA

December 21, 2024

The results are in! Crazy Cat Lady's survey of OWOT's userbase has ended in full unsanitized (and sanitized, for the reading pleasure of OWOT's population of snowflakes).

About 56 people replied to the poll, answering a variety of questions regarding OWOT, themselves, and their experiences with the site.

And before we trigger the hypersensitive snowflakes, we will be quoting the unsanitized version. You have been warned.

As expected, when asked to choose between cats and dogs, most chose cats, the superior option, this paragraph coming from one who chose cats like everyone else.

Only two replied with "Philippines"; Lemuria was one of them.

The data was released as a spreadsheet; to prevent persons being identified by their replies, the rows were sorted alphabetically, bringing them out of order.

People arrived on OWOT through many diverse means. Many came from YWOT, some from OWOP, and someone did a thing that caused "owot.me" to be written in an unspecified liquid of unknown type on the ground.

OWOT's userbase is young; as young as 10 and as old as 83,490,874,689,403,879. Most are in the tens, such as Lemuria, who turned 16 back on December 8, 2024.

Some memorable responses to "If you could change anything here, what would it be?", included banning Andrei (determining the identity of who suggested that may be the Mystery of the Century), "better moderation" (whether "better" as in "ban everything I disagree with" or "remove anti-LGBTQ+ and bigotry and racism and spam"), banning the woman who did the survey, Crazy Cat Lady, and more porn.

And the most Andrei-sounding response from the list:

"this site DESPERATELY needs a set of actual guidelines and moderation, and possibly an influx of new users from some big-ish youtuber whose fanbase is not a bunch of 12 year olds.

we can't keep this hands-off moderation and this community's internet culture from 15 years ago otherwise we'll end up getting seen as 'just another 4chan-esque site' by other normal people and it may end up getting reports to be taken down by the government or something like every other week".

For the most interesting things on OWOT, someone pointed to (3621, 3621), a mess of "coloured" (the correct spelling is colored) Chinese characters, animations, lime.radio, poopman's paint script, and of course the experience of eavesdropping on people's conversations on the canvas.

Hobbies included programming, linguistics, moths (another Mystery of the Century for that one), masturbation, and on the more abhorrent side, killing people of certain groups (this is the unsanitized version of the data, remember).

When it comes to media, someone recommended Endless Sky, Space Station 14, Naev, and Factorio (who recommended those first four is certainly another Mystery of the Century), Minecraft, "steam powered girrafe" [sic], Ultrakill, and Terraria.

As to whether cats or dogs were superior; most answered cats - the right choice.

And that's a wrap.

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Meowtown reopened

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posed 05:30 UTC deadline.

Fern also went on a journey into the world of Java to write "glue code" to make the server's plugins play nice with each other. She had the Java Life Rap Music Video offered to her by Lemuria. The song in question originates from October 2011. Ancient.

A subinterface named AbstractHorse got Fern to post a GIF saying "PRAISE BE TO HIM" with a bunch of horses in the sky instead of Jesus or [PERSON].

Lemuria saw it coming

Meanwhile, Lemuria decided to test the waters by mentioning Nalani in the #server-chat.

Four attempts occurred, though unfortunately, all four were failures, due to Andrei's knowledge of Lemuria's tendency to subtly reference his obsessions.

As Lemuria had predicted, Andrei quickly (and wrongfully) deleted that, as unfortunately, he has moderation powers in the server, which he has abused to continue his operations against Lemuria, his newspaper, and good music.

Eventually, a 7-day timeout befell him, wrongfully so.

The incident eventually ended after a while, with Lemuria having run out of fucks to give, and receiving a slight boost in mental health after spending some time outside to talk to some people who were visiting his street.

Lemuria's final words

Good luck with the server. If I ever get Minecraft, I do look forward to a good existence.

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Good luck figuring this one out.

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Don't let Andrei rob you of your freedoms.